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Financial performance report of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance report of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA) for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 (A/55/844). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information.

2. By its resolutions 53/228 of 8 June 1999 and 54/17 B of 15 June 2000, the General Assembly appropriated a total amount of $15,049,440 gross ($14,306,540 net) for the liquidation of MONUA for the period 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of $369,153 for the support account and $72,387 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy. As indicated in paragraph 16 and annexes I and II to the report of the Secretary-General (A/55/844), total expenditures for the same period amounted to $14,231,340 gross ($13,402,740 net). The resulting unutilized balance amounts to $818,100 gross ($903,800 net).

3. The unutilized balance resulted from reduced requirements under military personnel ($204,200), civilian personnel ($575,700) and operational requirements ($123,900), partially offset by over-expenditure under staff assessment ($85,700).

4. The Advisory Committee notes from paragraphs 1 to 3 of annex II to the report of the Secretary-General that the unutilized balance of $204,200 under military personnel was primarily attributable to lower than budgeted requirements under troop costs as well as to savings under the emplacement, rotation and repatriation of troops.

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5. With regard to savings under international and local staff ($575,700), the Advisory Committee notes from paragraph 6 of annex II to the report of the Secretary-General that these were mainly due to the fact that actual salary costs for international staff were lower than the standard costs applied in the budget and some local staff were employed under special service agreements, which resulted in lower actual costs.

6. The Advisory Committee was informed that, at 28 February 2001, the amount of $31.1 million was reimbursed for troops for the period 1 July 1997 to 30 June 2000.

7. With regard to reimbursement for contingent-owned equipment, the Advisory Committee was informed that the amount was $21 million; the estimated amount owed at 28 February 2001 was $84.8 million and unliquidated obligations for contingent-owned equipment amounted to $49.4 million. As regards death and disability, at 28 February 2001, 91 claims had been settled, amounting to $2.8 million, the balance of obligations at 15 March 2001 amounted to $3.3 million and 38 claims were remaining.

8. The Advisory Committee was informed that, at 19 March 2001, the cash position amounted to $95.5 million. Assessments on Member States at 28 February 2001 for the period from 3 January 1989 to 30 June 2000 amounted to $1,222.1 million, payments received totalled $1,144.3 million and the amount outstanding was $77.8 million. Total unliquidated obligations at 15 March 2001 for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 were $2,311,300 ($503,400 for Governments and $1,807,900 for others).

9. With regard to the sale of surplus assets to the Government of Angola, upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the total value of the contract of sale was $8,332,642, out of which the Government had made a down payment of $833,264, or 10 per cent of the total value of the contract, and the balance of $7,499,378 was to be paid within 18 months from the date of receipt of the items by the Government. The Committee was informed that discussions had been under way concerning final payment; the Committee requests that it be informed of the results.

10. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the earlier report of the Advisory Committee on the financing of MONUA (A/54/831), total expenditures for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 amounted to $132,949,580 gross ($129,664,280 net), compared with the appropriated amount of $133,099,080 gross ($128,876,680 net) for the same period. The result was an unspent balance of $149,500 gross but additional requirements of $787,600 net. The Committee requested an explanation of this and was informed that the staff assessment provision had been underspent, resulting in savings under staff assessment and a gross unspent balance; however, the total net expenditure exceeded the total net appropriation owing to an additional expenditure of $30,945,500 incurred under contingent-owned equipment (see A/54/809, annex I).

11. The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of MONUA is indicated in paragraph 20 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/55/844). **The Advisory Committee recommends acceptance of the proposals of the Secretary-General.**